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FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe *AKS*

SUBJECT: GENERAL KIBITZ Progress Report

SPECIFIC Recruitment of KIBITZ 14 *L* *3*

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1. Subject, a former captain in the German Army communications service, now runs a radio repair shop in Stuttgart from where he also is prominent in amateur radio operators circles, from which we plan to recruit communications men for Phase A VULTURE work. First knowledge of the man came through our surveys of the listed licensed amateur radio operators in search of potential recruits. Overt approach in March 1950 was possible through his radio repair shop where *L* *3* (known as Mr. "Donn") first took "his" radio and later radios of "friends" for repairs, under which guise the innocent contacts were stretched out for a period of four months of observation. The association with Subject on his ground of interest plus his pro-Americanism due to the good treatment he received while an American POW soon saw this contact develop into a pleasant friendship with *L* *3* being invited into the living quarters above the shop to meet the family consisting of mother, wife, and four year old son.

2. During the developing after-hour coffee and cake visits where Subject demonstrated his excellent self-built radio equipment, the discussions progressed through topics of present day interest including the threat of war with Russia. In this Subject declared himself strongly anti-communist and stated that he and others of his amateur colleagues would unquestionably resist a Russian aggression of Germany. As reports of these developments came in, coupled with *L* *3* information to the effect that Subject was some sort of an official in authority to administer the examinations necessary to receive an amateur radio operators license, Subject came more and more to filling the pattern of the bird dog we needed to point up other less conspicuous recruits among the ham operators.

3. Name check was requested in MGKA-18708, results of which were all negative. After full evaluation of the man as he would function as a cut-out recruiter among others and therefore not subject to immediate supervision, it was decided to recruit him under the strictest "Germans for Germany" cover. Further, such cover would avoid the risk of Subject taking insult in *L* *3*'s ulterior motives in the carefully nurtured friendship. As the time ripened for the recruitment, *L* *3* set the stage by casually commenting that he had recently attended a social function at EUCOM headquarters where he, in making conversation, had spoken of his new acquaintance in Stuttgart who is so well grounded in radio work and has been making almost impossible repairs (one of the radios we prepared

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for repairs is apparently still beyond repair). These comments of []'s were reportedly of great interest to one of the Americans there [] and he asked to some day meet Subject. With this preparation it was only necessary for [] a few days later to alert Subject for a visit from the interested American. The meeting was set to coincide with []'s recent trip through Stuttgart, 22 June. Although [] is fully familiar with the "Germans for Germany" cover story, a draft of the desired conversation was prepared for him as a briefing.

4. A suitable cafe in Stuttgart was selected for its layout which would offer dimly lit seclusion, and [] was dispatched to pick up Subject and deliver him to [] who was waiting in the cafe. [] introduced [] as [] and, as previously rehearsed, [] was told that a message had come for him and could he be excused to tend to it. That [] would accept responsibility for getting Subject home. After []'s departure, []'s entrance was delayed in order for [] to explain that [] was relieved that [] had to leave inasmuch as the meeting was not actually for the purpose of meeting [] but rather another German whom [] was not to know about. [] further explained that there would be no names mentioned in introduction to the other guest for reasons which Subject would later approve. []'s entrance thus prepared for, he took his place in the meeting, and with a brief comment from [] regarding Subject's reputation as a radio technician, [] went on to explain the views of some thinking Germans who, though they are helpless as all others in meeting the threat of war, realize also that rearmament of western Germany would only precipitate such a war. Rather than, they are of accord in going along with allied policy and can only hope that the western powers would be able to stop the Russian blitz somewhere on the continent from where to start the fight back. In this time and situation, the allies will be needing a communications system into the occupied territory, and such a communications system must be prepared in advance while time and facilities are available to train and test the loyalties of the communications net.

5. Subject went along with the project as it was presented to him with but the one usual objection of family men when they are approached to join such a widow-makers club. However, he was satisfied with an outline of the role outlined for him as recruiter and trainer of other communications men. Under this agreement, [] was excused and [] entered his declared role as liaison between the German organization and the Americans who are supporting and coordinating the activity. Lastly, further consideration was given to Subject's cover at home and with [] who for the time will simulate ignorance of Subject's secret dealings with []. It was finally decided that Subject would report to [] that [] wanted to see him with regard to assisting a young fellow in Stuttgart to become an amateur radio operator. In fact, this can be made true, as there is such a fellow of []'s acquaintance (KIBITZ 3), who is suffering from partial paralysis and therefore is pretty much out of things and who would get a great moral boost out of such an interesting hobby. Subject agreed to take on the young fellow, and thus he will already have begun

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to live his cover as well as get KIBITZ 3 started in learning communications which would otherwise be impossible in that he could never get the necessary six weeks leave from his employment in order to attend MISSOURI. Later, as KIBITZ 3 approaches operational proficiency he can be entered into MISSOURI for the shorter term necessary to teach him the specifics of clandestine operations for us.

6. In any event, this is an entre to the amateur radio operators group, and the recruitment must be credited to Stockdale, who developed the contact from the time when it was just a name among many on a list of over a thousand licensed radio hams.

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